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11. As you conclude your exceptional career of service to our nation, I extend to you my personal best wishes and sincere thanks. I and many others have greatly appreciated your service to our country, particularly in this critical part of the world. From my experience, I know that both the King of Saudi Arabia and the Sultan of Oman will likewise miss the strong leadership that you provided to U.S. forces in the region.

12. After you take a well-deserved break, I would encourage you and your wife to visit Oman again so that you have a chance to enjoy this beautiful country in a manner not possible during your time with CENTCOM. I am sure our Omani hosts would be delighted to have you here.

13. Again, I send my best wishes to you and your family.
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